Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Michael L. Birnbaum's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Birnbaum devoted more than 38 years of his life to the service of this state and country as an Infantry Soldier with service in Vietnam, Unit Supply Sergeant, Supply Control Supervisor, First Sergeant and Command Sergeant Major at both the State Area Command Troop Command and 196th Regiment Training Institute; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Birnbaum's loyalty and leadership have facilitated his assignment to increased leadership positions within the South Dakota Army National Guard, culminating as the South Dakota National Guard State Command Sergeant Major; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Birnbaum's wife, Sarah, and his entire family have been supportive and proud of his service and accomplishments; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Command Sergeant Major Michael L. Birnbaum for more than 38 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State